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In re Application of: Martin HORNE)

Application No.: 10/057,983)

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING
THE SUPPLY OF CRITICAL MATERIAL
COMPONENTS AND MANUFACTURING
CAPACITY)

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Sir:

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. The documents listed on the PTO-1449 Invention Disclosure Citation were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner considers the International Search Report (U.S. Search Authority) dated September 17, 2002 issued in Applicants' corresponding PCT Application PCT/US02/02371 as submitted herewith and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the Form PTO-1449. Each cited reference listed on the PTO-1449 was first cited in the subject communication from the International Searching Authority in a

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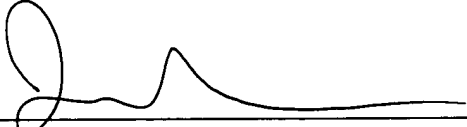
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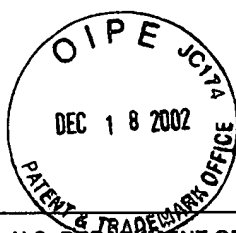
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